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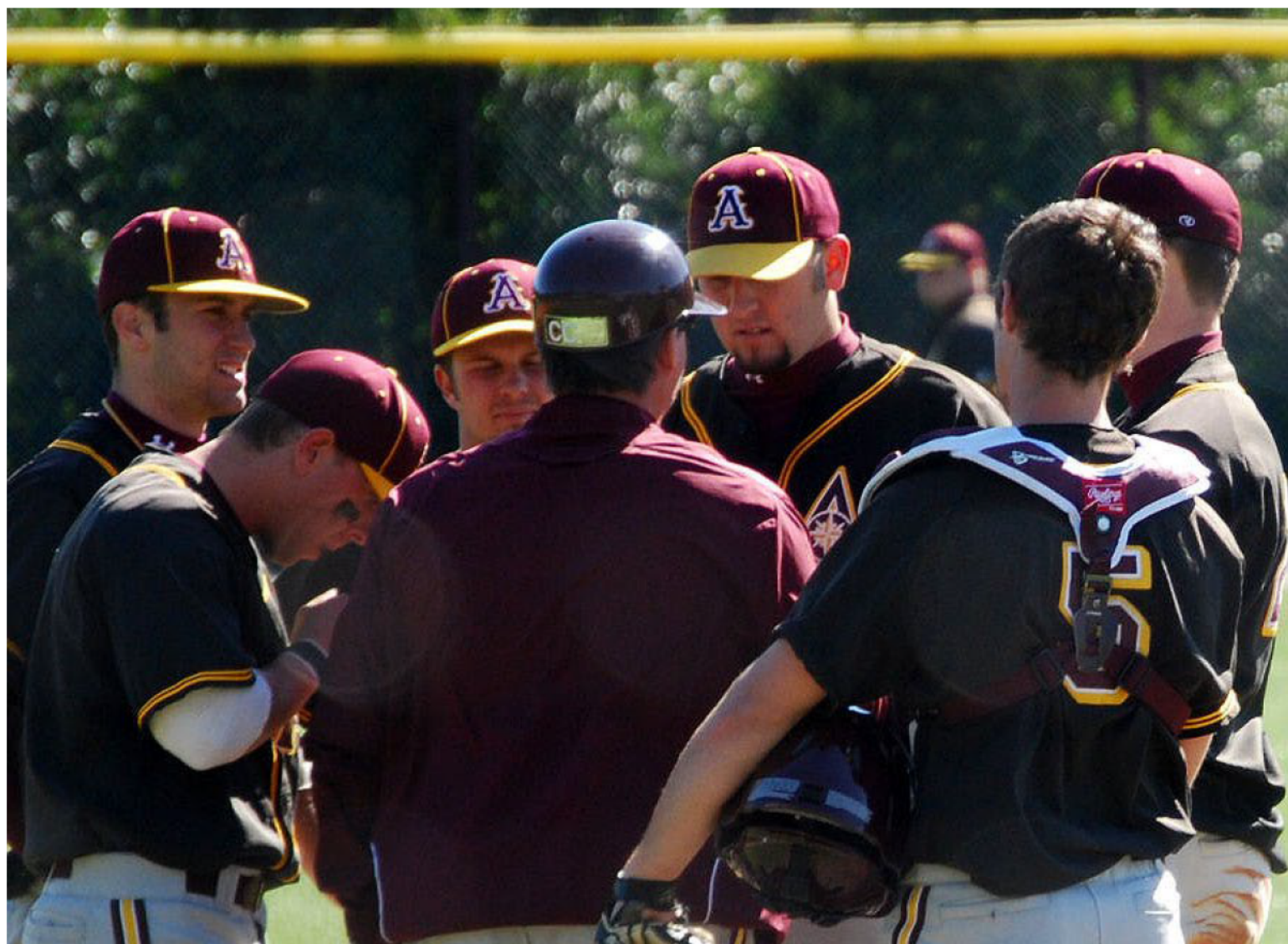
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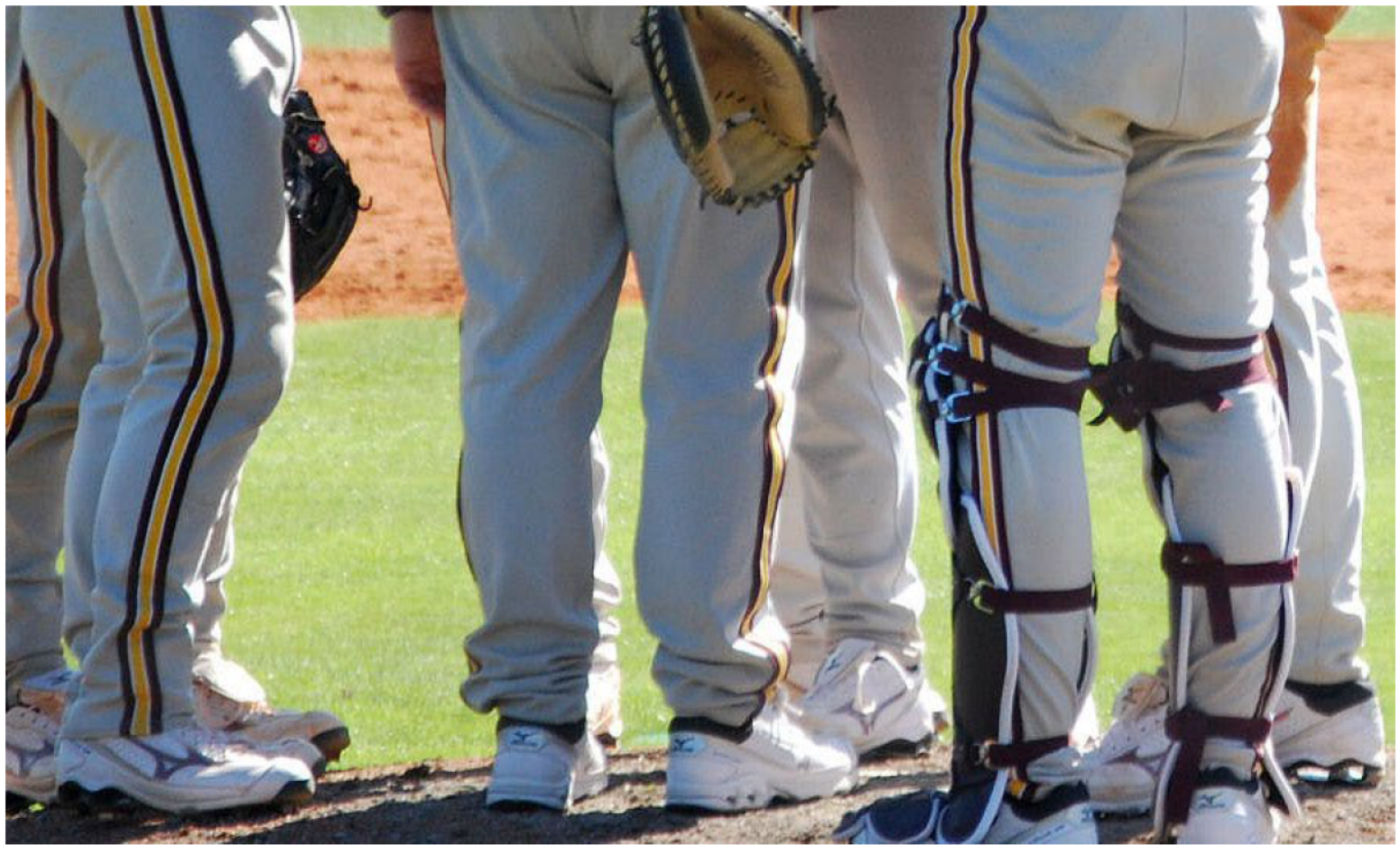
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### Hobby Blanks No. 21 Pirates, 5-0, In PBC Action







Posted: May 08, 2011

**COLUMBUS, Ga.** - North Georgia ace Blake Hobby hurled a three-hit shutout, blanking the Armstrong Atlantic State University baseball squad 5-0 in first day action at the 2011 Peach Belt Conference Championships at Golden Park in Columbus, Ga., on Sunday.

The loss puts the Pirates (33-16) on the brink of elimination as Armstrong will face host Columbus State at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, while North Georgia (33-17) moves on to face Lander in a winner's bracket contest on Monday night at 7:30 p.m. The game completed a Sunday where all four lower seeded teams won in first-round action.

North Georgia used a solo home run from Chad Sage in the second inning and a solo home run from Jordan Erisman in the third to take a 2-0 lead. The Saints then pushed across a pair of runs in the sixth on an RBI single by Kenny Bellavance and a fielder's choice RBI by Sage, then Erisman delivered an RBI single in the seventh for the 5-0 lead.

Hobby, meanwhile, gave up just three hits and did not allow a runner to reach third base until the ninth inning. The All-Conference starter threw 124 pitches - 72 for strikes - and walked five while striking out six to improve to 7-3 on the season.

Armstrong starter Chris Base (7-3) took the loss for the Pirates, giving up five hits and all five runs in 6 1/3 innings, walking three and striking out four.

Alex Frederick, Drew Walker and Mike Barnhill each had a hit on the day for the Pirates.



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